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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the psychiatric bed tracking system.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- Section 1. PSYCHIATRIC BED TRACKING SYSTEM.
 1. The department of human services shall amend its
 3 administrative rules pursuant to chapter 17A to require the
- 4 state mental health institutes and hospitals licensed to
- 5 provide inpatient psychiatric treatment required to participate
- 6 in the psychiatric bed tracking system to report the acuity
- 7 of disability the hospital or facility is able to accept and
- 8 treat in its program for each reporting period. The department
- 9 shall establish the measure of acuity and include mental
- 10 health, mental disability, behavioral health, substance use
- 11 disorder, and other related categories. The lowest category
- 12 shall represent the lowest acuity of disability. The highest
- 13 category shall represent the highest acuity of disability.
- 14 2. The department shall coordinate with the department of
- 15 public health and other departments as determined necessary or
- 16 appropriate, to study expanding or procuring and implementing
- 17 enhancements to the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system
- 18 that can accept real-time electronic data, from the state
- 19 mental health institutes and hospitals licensed to provide
- 20 inpatient psychiatric treatment required to participate in the
- 21 system. The department shall report on the progress of the
- 22 study to the governor and the general assembly by December 15,
- 23 2018.
- 24 Sec. 2. PSYCHIATRIC PROVIDERS REIMBURSEMENT RATES.
- 25 The department shall collaborate with Medicaid managed care
- 26 organizations to research the feasibility and implementation of
- 27 real-time reimbursement for providers of inpatient psychiatric
- 28 hospital services. The department shall report the results of
- 29 such research to the governor and general assembly by December
- 30 15, 2018.
- 31 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 34 This bill directs the department of human services to
- 35 amend its administrative rules pursuant to Code chapter 17A

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1 to require the state mental health institutes and hospitals 2 licensed to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment required to 3 participate in the psychiatric bed tracking system to report 4 the acuity of disability the hospital or facility is able to 5 accept and treat in its program for each reporting period. The 6 department is required to establish the measure of acuity and 7 include mental health, mental disability, behavioral health, 8 substance use disorder, and other related categories. 9 lowest category shall represent the lowest acuity level, and 10 the highest category shall represent the highest acuity level. The bill directs the department to coordinate with the 11 12 department of public health and other departments as determined 13 necessary or appropriate to study expanding or procuring and 14 implementing enhancements to the inpatient psychiatric bed 15 tracking system that can accept real-time electronic data from 16 the state mental health institutes and hospitals licensed to 17 provide inpatient psychiatric treatment required to participate 18 in the system. The bill requires the department to report 19 on the progress of the study to the governor and the general 20 assembly by December 15, 2018. 21 The bill further directs the department to collaborate with 22 Medicaid managed care organizations to research the feasibility 23 and implementation of real-time reimbursement for providers of 24 inpatient psychiatric hospital services. The department shall 25 report the results of such research to the governor and general 26 assembly by December 15, 2018.